

# OSHA involvement in the NIMS/NRP

# Directives

- HSPD 5 NIMS and NRP

- HSPD 8 Preparedness

Skilled Support Personnel  
are “first responders”

# NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)

ICS FOR EVERYONE!

# National Incident Management System (NIMS)

- Establishes the national standard for incident management response structures
- Based on the National Interagency Incident Management System (NIIMS) Incident Command System (ICS)
- Calls for interoperability of response structure, equipment, communications, qualifications and certifications
  - Continuous cycle of planning, training, equipping, exercising, evaluating and taking corrective action

# Safety Officer

- Monitors Operations, S & H of Emergency Response Personnel
- Emergency Authority to stop and/or prevent unsafe acts during operations
- Coordination of Safety Management Functions Across Agencies, Private Sector and NGOs
- Assistants may be assigned

# NIMS - Big Impact

- Requires and oversees the implementation of the ICS system nationwide
- Oversees the allocation of funds to State and Local Government
  - Linked to adoption of the ICS, the concept of interoperability and eventually, adoption of NIMS based standards for all aspects including training, exercises
- Specifically addresses the role of the Safety Officer in multi-agency responses i.e.
  - “Implement procedures necessary to ensure on-going assessment of hazardous environments, coordination of multi-agency safety efforts, and implementation of measures to promote emergency responder safety, as well as the general safety of incident operations”

# National Integration Center (NIC)

COORDINATION AND OVERSIGHT OF  
THE NATIONAL INCIDENT  
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)

# Summary of NIC Functions

- Educate the Nation on the NIMS/ICS
- Promote Interoperability
- Promote Minimal Training Requirements & Course Curricula for EP&R personnel
- Establish National Standards for Incident Management Exercises
- Establish National Standards, guides and protocols for qualifications and certifications of responders and incident managers

# An Opportunity for OSHA

- OSHA supported the ICS in 1910.120 before there was a NIMS or a NIC
- The NIC is a grass roots opportunity, similar to the Coast Guard/EPA/OSHA collaboration that took place back in 1989 to create HAZWOPER
- influence the emerging processes to integrate responder/recovery worker safety & health

# ICS in HAZWOPER

## ■ 29 CFR 1910.120 (q)(3)(i) –

The senior emergency response official responding to an emergency shall become the individual in charge of a site-specific Incident Command System (ICS). All emergency responders and their communications shall be coordinated and controlled through the individual in charge of the ICS assisted by the senior official present for each employer.

# Safety Officer in HAZWOPER

## ■ 29 CFR 1910.120 (q)(3)(vii) –

The individual in charge of the ICS shall designate a safety officer, who is knowledgeable in the operations....with specific responsibility to identify and evaluate hazards and to provide direction with respect to the safety of operations for the emergency at hand.

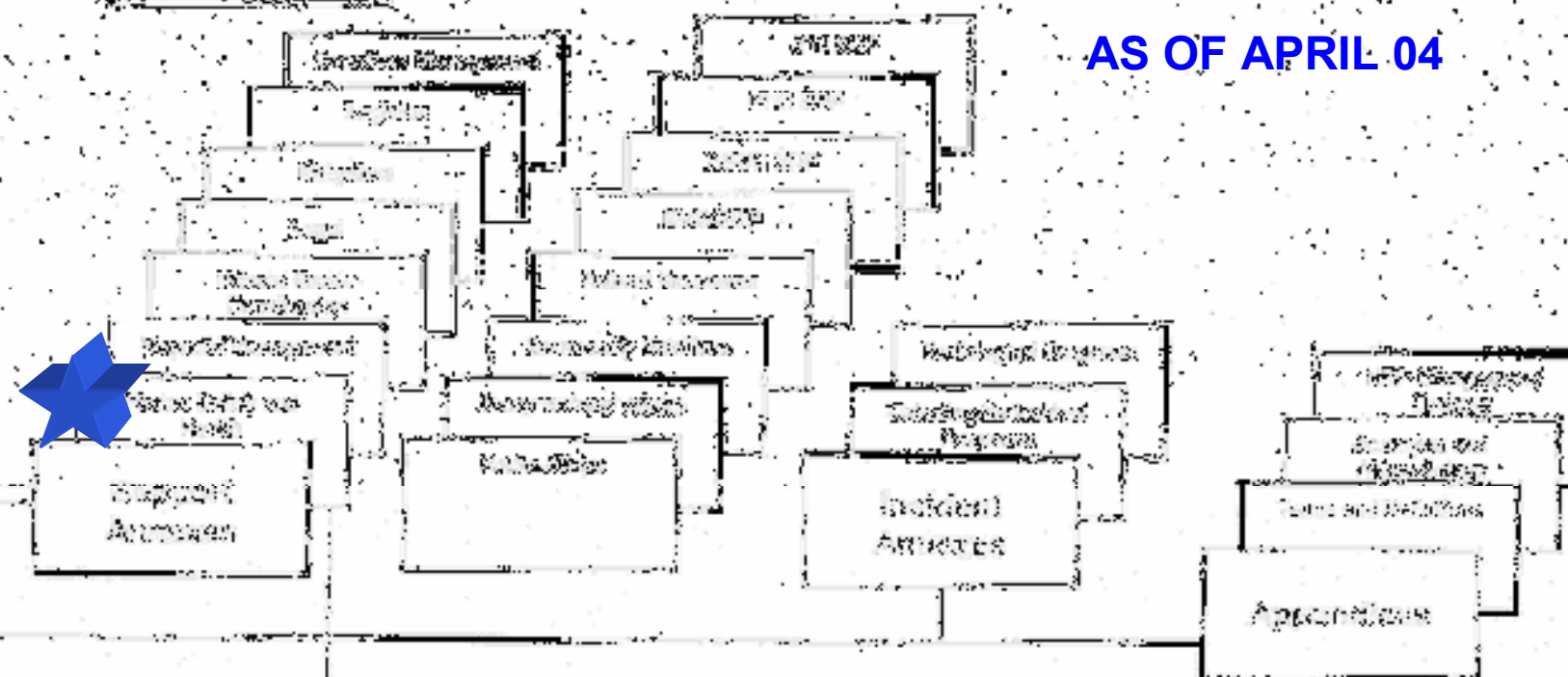
# Background

- DOL had a limited Role in the Federal Response Plan (FRP) – simply mentioned as a support agency in ESF's 3, 9 & 10
- The FRP has been subsumed into the National Response Plan (NRP)
  - Preparedness and Response Roles are being captured in Annexes to the Basic NRP
  - The Basic Plan describes the new interagency coordinating structures needed at Nationally Significant Incidents e.g. PFO, JFO, IIMG, HSOC
- The Basic Plan and its associated Annexes comprise the entire NRP.

# Organization of the NRP



AS OF APRIL 04



# Worker Safety and Health Support Annex - Highlights

## ■ Gives OSHA Leadership Role

- Does not obviate jurisdictional authority
- Employers and Annex support agencies retain primary responsibility for their employees
- Will function on scene similarly to a Unified Command

# Risk Management

- Incident Hazard ID/Characterization
- Monitoring of PPE selection/Use/Decon
- Distribution of PPE/fit-test program
- Responder Exposure Sampling/Analysis
- Risk Assessment
- Data Sharing
- Evaluation of site-HASP effectiveness-  
24/7 Responder S & H Monitoring

# Highlights

- Includes HHS, EPA, Coast Guard, USACE, and DHS-FEMA as Annex Support Agencies
- Will be activated when the NRP is activated
- Creates a Worker Safety and Health Support Annex Committee headed by OSHA to ensure proactive asset coordination

# Objectives of the Worker Safety and Health Annex

- To Keep Public Health and Safety Issues Separate from Worker Health and Safety
- Be Operational and not merely informational
- Be Proactive – Support Steady State Preparedness e.g. interagency exercises
- To Support the Incident Safety Officer within the ICS
  - Provide Technical Assistance
  - Coordinate Assets on-scene to ensure timely and accurate safety and health information

# NRP Timeline

- March 04 Comments on NRP and Annexes Drafted (DONE)
- April 04 Final NRP Draft with Annexes for IA review
- May 04 Full NRP with Annexes to HSC for Approval
- June/July 04 Full NRP with Annexes Signed by Secretary Ridge